

House Resolution No. 103

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to honor remarkable Show-Me State couples who have experienced the good fortune of success in marriage, a most delightful task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

Whereas, the union of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Degase, residents of Maryville, Missouri, is characterized by their enduring affection and serves as a glorious illustration of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, Roger and Lula Degase commemorated the joyous occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 20, 2004; and

Whereas, as they proudly marked this splendid milestone in their life, Roger and Lula Degase undoubtedly looked back with satisfaction upon all that has transpired since they pledged their eternal love to one another and began their long, joyful walk down life's path; and

Whereas, it was five wondrous decades ago that Roger Degase and Lula Ellsworth joined their hands, their hearts, and their lives together in a solemn nuptial ceremony officiated by the Reverend Charles Milner on December 20, 1954, in Elmo; and

Whereas, over the course of the past half century, Roger and Lula Degase have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Teresa Shipley of Yuba City, California, Mike and Joan Degase and John and Sheila Degase of Maryville, Martha and Willis Spire of Ravenwood, Richard Degase of Maryville, and Barry and Bonnie Degase of Sparks, Nevada; and seventeen grandchildren, Craig Shipley, John Ross Shipley, Taylor Shipley, Wyatt Shipley, Brad Degase, Doug Degase, CJ Degase, Kristen Degase, Bryan Degase, Steven Spire, Caleb Spire, Natascha Degase, Jessica Degase, Jamie Degase, Jacob Degase, Samantha Degase, and Joseph Degase; and

Whereas, Roger and Lula Degase have distinguished themselves as a remarkable couple, whose fifty years of shared joy and contentment so beautifully illustrate the strength, grace, and splendor of the lasting marriage bond:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Roger and Lula Degase upon the joyous occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and in further wishing them continued happiness in the years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Roger Degase.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 103, adopted January 13, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker